(a) whether it is a fact that even after nearly half a century since the country became independent, there still exists certain areas where poverty and starvation are still prevailing amongst tribals and other backward people such as in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified such pockets and areas and the people afflicted with object poverty and starvation, if so, the details of the areas in Orissa and other States so identified; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ameliorate the living conditions of these people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) The planning and development of an area within a State and allocation of resources for its development is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Government of India have been helping the States in alleviation of poverty through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes like IRDP, JRY, EAS, NRY as well as development programmes like DPAP, DDP, HADP, ITDP etc. The Government also proposes to strengthen the Minimum Needs Programme by making special allocations to the States to improve the quality of life of the people. As regards backward areas of Orissa, a long term action plan has been approved for 8 districts namely, Koraput, Rayagada, Naurangpur, Malgangiri, Kalahandi, Naupada, Bolangir and Sonepur with the objective of mitigating the extreme poverty in these districts.

**Off-Shore Project**

5271. SHRI JAYANTA BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the latest position of Off-Shore Project at Jellingham, District Midnapore, West Bengal;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure the placement of order from O.N.G.C. to this Unit; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the smooth running of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Jobs to Kashmiri Youths**

5272. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is considering the proposal to provide jobs to Kashmiri Youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the migrant youths of the State would also be provided jobs as per proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (e) State Government has been implementing a large number of schemes with a view to provide Self Employment ventures for the educated/uneducated youth of the State.

The State Government through the Plan mechanism provides employment opportunities for about 5000 people in Government sector. For uneducated unemployed youth, the schemes under implementation are Integrated Rural Development Schemes, other employment generation programmes like JRY/EAS. It is proposed to create 192 lakh mandays during the current year under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. The State Government is also implementing PMRY scheme under which 3100 units are to be covered during the current year.

2. A massive programme for employment for educated youth at a total of Rs. 66 crores envisaging direct and indirect employment for about 52000 persons has also been formulated by the State Government Under this scheme an outlay for the current year is Rs. 16 lakhs and 6200 units are proposed to be established to give employment to 12000 youth.

3. The migrant youth of the State are also eligible for these schemes.

**Hydel Projects**

5273. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether small hydel projects have been set up in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total energy generated during the last three years, Project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) 183 small hydel power projects, upto 3 MW station, capacity, with an aggregate capacity of about 129 MW, have so far been set up in

23 States. The State-wise details are given in the attached statement.

(c) The total energy generated from these projects during the last three years is estimated to be about one billion units. As the projects are small, decentralised, and are located in remote areas, project-wise energy generation details are not regularly furnished by the concerned States.

**STATEMENT**

*State-Wise List of Small Hydel Project upto 3 MW Capacity so Far*

| S.No. | State | Projects** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | No. | Capacity (MW) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 7 | 7.01 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 29 | 19.15 |
| 3. | Assam | 2 | 2.20 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 1 | 2.00 |
| 5. | Haryana | 1 | 0.20 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 14 | 0.47 |
| 7. | Jammu & Kashmir | 11 | 4.35 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 5 | 4.70 |
| 9. | Kerala | 3 | 0.52 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 4 | 2.25 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 3 | 3.58 |
| 12. | Manipur | 6 | 4.10 |
| 13. | Meghalaya | 1 | 1.51 |
| 14. | Mizoram | 9 | 5.36 |
| 15. | Nagaland | 5 | 3.17 |
| 16. | Orissa | 3 | 1.26 |
| 17. | Punjab | 4 | 3.90 |
| 18. | Rajasthan | 5 | 4.30 |
| 19. | Sikkim | 14 | 9.66 |
| 20. | Tamil Nadu | 3 | 4.75 |
| 21. | Tripura | 2 | 1.01 |
| 22. | Uttar Pradesh | 46 | 26.78 |
| 23. | West Bengal | 5 | 7.46 |
| | Total | 183 | 128.69 |

** As per Available reports of different SEBs/Agencies.

**Chamera Power Project**

5274. SHRI SUKH RAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to give 12% free power from Chamera Stage-I and Brasul Power Projects to Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the case of Chamera Stage-I Project, 12% free power is being given to Himachal Pradesh from 1.5.1994. Himachal Pradesh has also been given 12% free power from Baira Siul Project from 5.9.1994.

**DWCRA**

5275. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts included under the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas so far in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of districts to be included in the scheme during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) the assistance provided till date to the States for implementation of the said scheme, year-wise;

(d) the amount proposed to be provided for the remaining period of Eighth Plan under the scheme; and

(e) the State-wise achievements of the scheme during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 504 districts of the country have so far been included under the DWCRA programme. The State-wise details are given in the attached Statement–I.

(b) As and when proposals for inclusion of new districts in the programme are received from the State Governments the same are approved for inclusion in the programme. During 1996-97, the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab requested for inclusion of 3 new districts each. These districts have since been included under DWCRA and are among the 504 districts covered by the programme so far.